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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 3180

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, SY, PLO, IS, LE  
SUBJECT: EARLY PALESTINIAN REACTION TO LIKUD VICTORY

1. REGULAR PALESTINIAN SOURCE TOLD US MAY 19 OF HIS TALK  
PREVIOUS DAY WITH ABD AL-KARIN KARMAH, PALESTINIAN  
POET AND OFFICIAL IN PLO POLITICAL DEPARTMENT. ACCORDING  
TO SOURCE, KARMAH STATED ELECTION WOULD STRENGTHEN VOICE OF  
PLO REJECTIONISTS WHO RESIST PLO CONTACTS WITH ISRAELIS  
AND GENERAL LINE OF MODERATION. KARMAH SAID IT COULD  
REVERSE TENDENCY AMONG PALESTINIANS TO RECONCILE THEMSELVES  
TO INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE LIMITED IN TERRITORY TO  
WEST BANK AND GAZA ONLY. HE CLAIMED IT WOULD PLACE OBSTACLES  
IN WAY OF FUTURE PLO CONTACTS WITH ISRAELI DOVES.

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2. SOURCE CONTINUED THAT KARMAH OPINED BEGIN'S PLURALITY  
AND RESULTING DANGER PERCEIVED BY ARABS OF POSSIBLE ARAB-  
ISRAELI CONFRONTATION WOULD PROBABLY LEAD SYRIA TO  
STRENGTHEN PLO IN LEBANON AS PRELUDE TO WITHDRAWAL OF SOME  
SYRIAN ADF FORCES TO FIRM UP WEAKENED GOLAN FRONT.

3. COMMENT: KARMAH APPARENTLY BELIEVES THAT ELECTION RESULTS COULD

POSSIBLY HAVE MIXED IMPACT ON PLO, ON THE ONE HAND STRENGTHENING  
IT IN LEBANON BUT ALSO PERHAPS VINDICATING THOSE IN REJECTIONIST  
CAMP WHO HAVE OPPOSED ARAFAT'S ATTEMPT TO CARVE OUT MORE  
MODERATE COURSE OF ACTION IN DEALING WITH PALESTINIAN  
TERRITORIAL DEMANDS.  
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